(b) The income criteria was Rs. 1.00 lakh upto March, 2004. As a result of revision, the criteria of Rs. 2.5 lakh was notified on 9th March, 2004 and, therefore, is not out dated.

(c) and (d) The information is not centrally maintained.

**Status of BALCO valuation**

*525. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of valuation of the residual shares of BALCO has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether legal advice of the Attorney General of India has been obtained about the validity of the provision incorporated in the share purchase agreement vesting the call option rights on the entire residual shares of BALCO to the present owners of its fifty-one per cent shares;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Learned Attoney General for India has opined that the provision of call option under the Share Holders' Agreement (SHA) does not survive.

(e) No decision has been taken in this regard.

**Project guidance for energy plants**

*526. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM:Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the institutions recognized by Government to offer project guidance for energy plants; and